

FRENCH HEAD OFF NEW OFFENSIVES

Heavy Artillery Fire Prevents
German Preparations for
Further Advances.

KAISER'S MEN MAKE GAINS

Additional Points About Verdun Occupied by Teutons—Activity Along the Lines in Belgium.

London, March 1.—With the lessening of the activity of the contending forces to the north of Verdun, the French in the Voivre region, east of Verdun, are using their artillery to break up German preparations for further advances toward the fortress. At various points the fire of the French guns has prevented the Germans from launching offensives.

In the Vosges mountains there also has been great artillery activity by the French near Senones and Man-de-Sapt; while near Seppois the Germans have been driven out of trenches they had previously taken. In the Champagne, German fortified works have been battered by the French guns and the crater of a mine exploded by the Germans was occupied by the French.

Germans Continue to Gain.

The Germans have added several additional points to their terrain in the fighting about Verdun, having been able to construct trenches on the slopes north of the Cote du Poivre and to capture an armored work northwest of Douaumont and have taken the towns of Manheules and Champlon, thirteen miles southeast of Verdun.

In this drive to the east of Verdun, the advance of the Germans has extended over a front of virtually twelve miles from Dieppe to Champlon.

Berlin reports that thus far the Germans have taken prisoner 228 officers, 16,875 men and a large number of cannon, machine guns and much other war material.

Activity on British Front.

There has been considerable artillery activity and fights in the air between battalions of Germans and British aviators, along the British front in France and Belgium.

The British official communication dealing with the fighting along the British lines on the continent, made public tonight, says:

"Today our artillery bombarded enemy trenches about Ouylder, Au Thille and Fromelles. There has been considerable artillery firing by both sides about Ypres."

Surround One Teuton Regiment.

Paris, Feb. 29.—Attacks by the Germans to the north of Verdun, where the battle for the fortress is still raging fiercely, were driven back by the French fire and counter attacks, according to the official communication issued by the war office tonight.

Hand to hand encounters occurred to the west of Fort Douaumont and the Germans were driven from a small redoubt which they had taken.

London, Feb. 29.—The tide of the great battle around Verdun apparently has not turned in favor of either side. While the Germans claim further advances, the French are equally emphatic in their assertion that they checked the attacks of the masses of German infantry sent against them.

Around Fort Douaumont, which has fallen to the Germans and reported to be in ruins, the most desperate fighting of the battle has been going on since Friday. Here French counterattacks were delivered with such crushing force that some of the German detachments were driven back and one regiment is almost encircled. It is to the west of this fort that in a hand to hand encounter the French have ejected the Germans from a small redoubt which they had captured.

Throughout the entire sector of Verdun, except on the western bank of the Meuse river, where the German bombardment has slackened somewhat, the artillery duels are still of vast proportions.

More Activity in East.

On the Russian front around Friedland and Iloukst, there has been heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle firing. The Austrians, according to Vienna, have put down with sanguinary losses an Italian attack against positions on both sides of Monte San Michele and east of Azzo and also destroyed an Italian trench on the Gorizia bridgehead.

Germans Take Two Positions.

London, Feb. 28.—The great battle centering around Verdun, in which a half million men are engaged, is still being fought at some points with the same fury as was manifest several days ago.

Duponts Made 55½ Million.

New York, Feb. 28.—Fifty-five and a half million dollars was the net profit in 1915 of the Dupont Powder Company, as compared with 4½ million dollars net profit in 1914, according to the company's official statement here today.

Standard Orders 13 Ships.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has begun the construction of thirteen large tank steamers, which will cost about one million dollars each.

FELIX DIAZ HEADS NEW REVOLT

Nephew of Former Mexican President
Has Left New Orleans for Havana,
Says Washington.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Felix Diaz, who has been watched for several months by Department of Justice agents because of suspected activities in violation of American neutrality, apparently has left the United States for Mexico with the intention of launching a new revolution against the Carranza de facto government. Information reaching officials here indicates that he hopes to organize and lead the troops of his native state, Oaxaca, and such other forces in southern Mexico as he can gather about him.

General Diaz left New Orleans Friday for Havana, where several Mexicans whose names have been associated with his in reports of a revolutionary movement, were understood to be awaiting him. Teodoro Dehesa, a former governor of Vera Cruz and Gen. Aureliano Blanquet, war minister under Huerta, were reported to be among them. Although Diaz eluded the federal agents detailed to watch him, Department of Justice officials said tonight that since no evidence warranting his arrest had been found, and as he left the country, according to reports, as a private citizen of Mexico and not as leader of any organized revolutionary movement, nothing probably could have been done to detain him.

General Diaz, a nephew of the former Mexican president of that name, has been absent from Mexico since Huerta, whom he helped establish in power, sent him abroad on a diplomatic mission. Most of this time he has spent in the United States and although he was suspected of being connected with the revolutionary plot for which Huerta and several others were indicted, no direct evidence against him ever developed.

BRYAN TO SUPPORT WILSON

Former Cabinet Member to be One
of Solid Nebraska Delegation for
President.

Washington, Mar. 1.—William Jennings Bryan is for President Wilson's renomination. Bryan probably will be one of a solid Wilson delegation from Nebraska to the St. Louis convention. In the St. Louis platform Bryan will not attempt to inject planks either on preparedness or the administration's diplomatic policy which would repudiate President Wilson's position.

These authoritative statements regarding the former Cabinet premier's political plans were made here today by Judge W. H. Thompson, Democratic state chairman of Nebraska. He has just come from Miami, Fla., where he had a visit with Bryan. He is one of Bryan's closest personal and political friends and advisers.

"People misunderstand Mr. Bryan's position regarding his relations with the President," said Chairman Thompson. "They differ only on a few principles resulting from the war. These do not affect their political relations. Mr. Bryan will most likely be one of Nebraska's delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention."

DANGER IN CHEAP PERFUME

Pennsylvania Medical Association Says
Blindness May Result From Use of
the Adulterated Product.

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.—Beware of certain cheap perfumes—they may cause blindness.

This is one of the warnings issued by the commission on conservation of vision, recently appointed by the Pennsylvania Medical association.

Similar warnings are issued against cheap whiskey, and the commission is suggesting the need of compulsory treatment of the eyes of all babies immediately after birth.

The cheap perfumes which are dangerous are those which contain wood alcohol, says the commission. Fumes of these cause congestion of the blood vessels of the eyeball. Continued use results in progressive myopia, or near sightedness and eventually may lead to total blindness.

Jamaica ginger, when taken internally for stomach trouble, also has harmful effects on the eyes, the commission says.

FLOOD SUFFERERS NEED AID

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 28.—Urgent appeals for assistance came to Natchez tonight from Concordia parish, where 2,000 families have been driven from their homes by the flood waters of the Mississippi. Many of the inhabitants have taken refuge on the river embankments. Food supplies are reported short.

Reports from the Black river region continue to tell of suffering there. Many points along the Black river are isolated and actual conditions are not known there.

Directed His Own Operation.

Chicago, Mar. 1.—Pinioned beneath a carload of coal, his left arm and left leg crushed, Henry R. Knudson, a switchman, today directed a surgeon as to the best way of amputating his arm and leg, remaining conscious throughout the operation.

Seize 34 German Ships.

London, Mar. 1.—It was announced in the House of Commons today that the Italian government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports.

ARMY BILLS SOON

Much is Left to Conference by
the House and Senate Mil-
itary Measures.

THE FINAL VOTE THIS WEEK

But Several Days Will Be Required
to Prepare a Report—Officers
Give Views.

Washington, Mar. 1.—The campaign for national preparedness will enter on a new phase in Congress next week when, in all probability, bills providing for increasing the army to an extent never before contemplated in time of peace will be introduced in both the House and Senate.

The House military committee will begin tomorrow its final review of the measure tentatively agreed upon last week, which, it is stated, will be altered only in minor details before it is favorably reported. The final vote probably will be taken Thursday, but it will require several days for Chairman Hay to prepare a report to accompany the bill.

Leave Much to Conference.

The Senate committee agreed today to insert only a general provision for federalization of the national guard in its regular army reorganization measure, leaving the task of putting this legislation in final shape to the joint conference committee to which the two bills will go. By this action the Senate committee made it possible to bring out its bill also next week.

Before the House naval committee Rear Admiral Knight today said he believed it would take two years and a half to make the navy sufficient enough to meet the present German fleet with any hope of success. The time limit he set was the minimum required to build nine battle cruisers and eight fast scouts. He said it would take eighteen months to put the ships of the Atlantic fleet in readiness for war.

Will Probe Building Facilities.

Representative Farr called attention to published figures stating that in the last ten years Germany had built 173 fighting ships, England 252 and the United States 64. Admiral Knight said he understood a subcommittee of the naval committee would be named later to investigate the subject of shipbuilding facilities, public and private. He advised that the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Mare Island and Puget Sound yards be equipped immediately for their maximum output of big ships.

LANSING IS OUT OF PATIENCE

Secretary Lansing Administers a
Rue to Ambassador Bernstorff—A
Formal Statement Issued.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Secretary Lansing today administered a rebuke to Ambassador Bernstorff for what he regards as the improper publicity of the ambassador.

He issued a formal statement announcing that reports of the contents of the German memorandum laid before him yesterday by Bernstorff had not been made public by himself or his department and further said no statements had been made expressing his department's views regarding the memorandum. Morning newspapers printed what purported to be a paraphrase of the memorandum.

The Secretary was obviously out of patience with certain lengthy statements accredited to the State Department which tended to indicate that the negotiations with Germany had reached a satisfactory point. He said he had made no comment whatever on the question and that nothing that had been said in his department could have been construed as being an optimistic view "or any other kind of view" on the situation.

SAYS WILSON THREATENED

Chicago, Feb. 28.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: "The change of front in Congress on the international situation is due to the effect on Democratic leaders of the President's threat that if the resolution curbing his powers were passed he under no circumstances would permit his name to head a presidential ticket."

"Not since the revolt broke loose among the Democrats at the Capitol have the President's friends manifested more confidence in their predictions that legislation of this kind would never be passed."

"Administration leaders may go so far as to force a vote on one of the pending resolutions for the purpose of defeating it and thus impressing Germany with the idea that the President has Congress behind him."

A Harvard Athlete to War.

Halifax, Feb. 29.—Dr. George Barton Cutten, president of Acadia University, has been appointed an officer in the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, and is now engaged in recruiting for the brigade.

Robson to Run Again for Congress.
Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 29.—Richard P. Robson will be a candidate for congress from the new Tenth District, it became known yesterday. He will oppose W. B. Bankhead, son of United States Senator Bankhead.

HARRY L. GANDY



Harry L. Gandy of Rapid City, S. D., has the distinction of being the first Democrat to be elected to the house of representatives from South Dakota. He is the new congressman from the third district of that state. He owns a large stock ranch and is interested in the newspaper business. He has served in the state legislature.

FORMER ASSURANCES STAND

Ambassador Bernstorff Instructed to
Notify America that All Armed
Vessels are Considered Hostile.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Germany has instructed Count Von Bernstorff to inform the United States government that the assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare, given in the Lusitania and Arabic cases still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character. The German government is understood to contend that armed merchantmen without regard to the nature of their armament have shown themselves not to be peaceful, and therefore subject to destruction without warning.

The instructions direct the German ambassador, particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defensive have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but that on the contrary they carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this claim the Berlin foreign office has sent to the ambassador, for presentation to the state department, a list of at least twenty incidents where it is claimed British ships have attacked submarines.

Confidential advices received from Berlin state that German and Austrian submarine commanders have been given their new orders and that from midnight Tuesday they will be authorized to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany. It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had left their bases on voyages, and that even should the United States request the postponing of the opening of the campaign it would be impossible to get word to many of the submarines. It is stated, however, that so far neither the United States nor any other nation had asked for a postponement.

Senate Confirms Fletcher.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico. The vote was 49 to 16.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—President Wilson has decided that he cannot proceed with the German submarine negotiations while dissension in Congress weakens his position before the world, so he called for a show down on the pending proposals to warn American off merchant ships of the European belligerents armed for defense.

—The auxiliary French cruiser La Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean the other day, it was announced officially in London. It is believed 930 lives were lost.

—A gas explosion at Guthrie, Ok., wrecked part of a store building in which the Rucker-Burton Mercantile Company was preparing to open its new department store, doing several thousand dollars' damage to the building, owned by W. F. Sultz, and also damaging the stock of goods.

—Two persons are known to have been killed and many were injured, seven of them dangerously, when five cases of dynamite stored in Maplewood, near St. Louis, for sewer construction exploded.

MUST GO ON RECORD

The President Demands that
Members of Congress Show
Their Hands.

WHOLE SITUATION IN A SNARL

No Further Negotiations with Germany
Regarding American Rights Until
His Demands are Met.

Washington, March 2.—President Wilson served notice on congress tonight that he will consent to nothing less than a record vote on the anti-administration's resolution to warn Americans off the armed ships of European belligerents before he goes on with the German submarine negotiations.

No compromise postponement, such as a vote of confidence in the president's foreign policy, will be acceptable. Such an action, it is held, might be construed in Berlin as justifying the opinion that the president lacks the support of congress and his own party in his demands for a full observance of international law, while its only purpose would be to afford members of congress a way to avoid recording their positions before the country on the straight, out-and-out question.

Wilson's Position Clear.

President Wilson made his position clear to congressional leaders tonight in unequivocal terms, as the climax to a day of confusion, uncertainty and political maneuvering that marked the opening of his first real fight with congress.

As if to emphasize that the president absolutely refuses to continue the negotiations with Germany until the attitude of congress is settled, it was made known that the United States does not consider the latest assurances from Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, as broad or as satisfactory as those originally given. No further step will be taken, however, while the President waits on congress. Meanwhile, the pending Lusitania agreement will not be finally accepted.

Situation in a Snarl.

The whole situation in congress, confused by the President's call yesterday for a vote, was thrown into a snarl today when at an early morning conference the President outlined his position to Chairman Stone and Flood of the foreign affairs committee; Senate Leader Kitchin, Speaker Clark, House Leader Kitchin and Acting Chairman Pou of the house rules committee.

As soon as the delegation returned to the capitol with news of what the president had said, it was apparent that some of the leaders, who had secretly supported the anti-administration pressure, pocketed resolutions in committee when there was danger of their being passed, realized that the President and his friends had suddenly gained the whip hand. It was plain that they at once devoted their efforts to attempts to avoid a defeat at the hands of the administration forces by side tracking the main issue and making the fight turn to a vote on a resolution of confidence for the President in which they could join without compromising their position in support of warning Americans to avoid belligerent armed ships.

TRAIN INTO SCHOOL WAGON

Muskogee, Ok., March 2.—A school service wagon carrying children to school near Inola, Ok., was struck yesterday morning by an Iron Mountain passenger train at a crossing and J. J. Stiles, the driver employed by the school board, and Tilday Reynolds, a 13-year-old pupil, were instantly killed. Thoma Cummins, another pupil, died on the way to the hospital. Other pupils were dangerously injured. There were nine children in the wagon.

The approaching locomotive's whistle was screaming when the engine struck the wagon squarely in the middle, smashing it to kindling, but the driver was sitting back, well covered, in the wagon to escape a raw wind and rain, and did not hear the train. The injured were brought to a Muskogee hospital.

WOMAN BANDIT ROBS A BANK

Muskogee, Ok., March 2.—A woman bandit with a male companion walked into a bank at Millerton, Ok., an inland town in McCurtain county, yesterday afternoon, covered the cashier with a revolver and demanded the cash. The woman raked about \$500, all the cash in sight, into a bag, keeping the cashier covered, backed out of the door. Mounting horses the robber pair dashed straight for the mountains north of town. A posse pursued, but the woman and her companion outrode them and escaped.

The Stogie Into Its Own.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 2.—The output of stogies in Wheeling totaled 11,543,350 last month, compared with 8,895,200 for the corresponding month one year ago, according to an announcement made at the internal revenue office here.

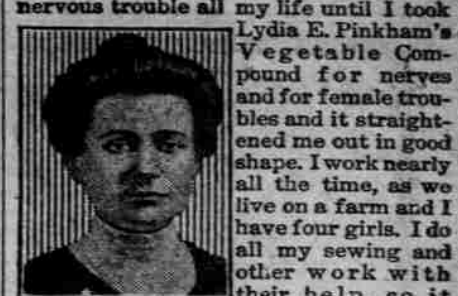
Siegel's Freedom Was Short.

Rochester, N. Y., March 2.—After ten months of prison life, Henry Siegel, the former New York and Boston merchant, was reinstated yesterday as he stepped from the penitentiary.

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